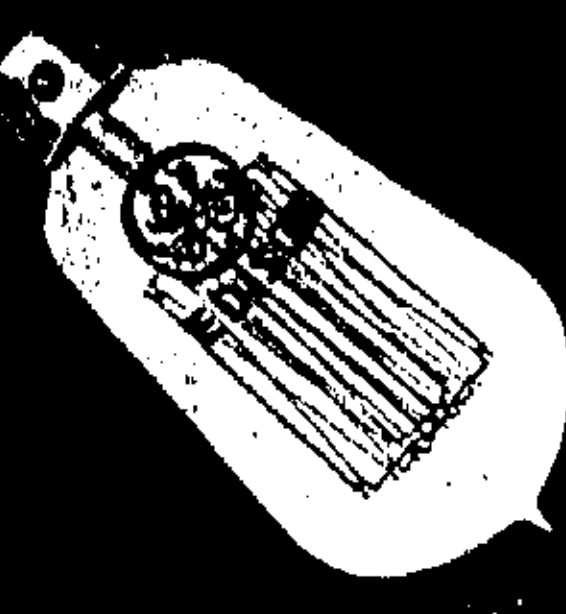


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MR. BONAR LAW RESIGNS.

Ordered a Complete Rest.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 17.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George announced that Mr. Bonar Law had resigned on grounds of health. (Mr. Bonar Law held the Cabinet post of Lord Privy Seal and was Leader in the House of Commons.—Ed. H.K.T.)

Touching Scene in the Commons.

Later...
Mr. Bonar Law's resignation was a bombshell to the House of Commons. Mr. Lloyd George was most affected in reading Mr. Bonar Law's letter, frequently breaking down. He was hardly able to finish the statement.

The letter from Mr. Bonar Law said:—"The strain of the last few years has pressed most heavily on me. As you know, I have had the greatest difficulty in doing my work and am now worn out. My medical advisers have warned me that my physical condition is such that unless I have an immediate long rest an early and complete breakdown is inevitable—(Murmurs of dismay). It will always be a pleasure to me to think that I have been able to help you in the great work you have done since you became Prime Minister. It is necessary that compels me to abandon hope of assisting you in the difficult task now confronting you."

The House cheered sympathetically when Mr. Lloyd George broke down on finishing the letter. He added that he hoped a short rest would enable Mr. Bonar Law to return to his duties, but medical opinion was that Mr. Bonar Law would need a prolonged rest and freedom from worry. Here Mr. Lloyd George was unable to master his feelings, and he flung himself back on his seat with a gesture indicating his inability to continue.

Mr. Asquith rose and almost inaudibly referred to the unexpected and painful announcement. He said all his relations with Mr. Bonar Law had never left rancour. Mr. Bonar Law's political antagonists entertained most affectionate memories of him and hoped for his complete restoration to health and his re-entry into the fighting ranks.

Mr. Clynes said the Labourites received the news with a feeling of the deepest loss.

Mr. Chamberlain Possible Successor.

London, March 17.
It was understood to-night that the Coalition will not be affected by Mr. Bonar Law's resignation. The Unionists are meeting on Monday to elect a successor, in which connection Mr. Auston Chamberlain is freely mentioned.

DEBATE ON NAVAL ESTIMATES.

Motion to Increase Strength Defeated.

London, March 17.
In the House of Commons, Sir James Craig, introducing the Naval Estimates, dwelt on the economies effected. He referred to a speech by Lord Lee last evening in which the latter stated that we would never accept equality with other Powers except in connection with the great English-speaking nation that had sprung from our loins. Sir James declared that Lord Lee had done his utmost, not perhaps to hold out the olive branch to America, nevertheless to show that we were at present restraining ourselves entirely to the question of maintaining the One-Power Standard.

Sir James Craig mentioned that in the interest of economy, steaming of squadrons at home and abroad would be restricted and the full allowances on all stations would be limited. The Admiralty had reluctantly closed down two dockyards and Osborne would be closed. This would be the last year in which war liabilities would figure in the Estimates.

Sir James, continuing, said it was proposed to replace four obsolescent ships by vessels of the Hood class and also to build a submarine and minelayer embodying the latest developments. The view of the Naval Staff as regards the import of capital ships had not changed. If the House sanctioned £2,500,000 it would be impossible to get very far in the completion or even the beginning of four capital ships till late in the autumn, but there would be no Supplementary Estimates.

Replying to Mr. Asquith, Sir James Craig said if the Estimates were passed, four ships would be laid down in the next twelve months. He emphasised that aircraft was more dangerous to the submarine than to the battleship or other surface ship. He instanced the futile bombing of the Goeben. Nevertheless, anti-aircraft experiments were to the forefront in naval experiments.

Lieut. Col. Archer-Shee moved that it was necessary that immediate steps be taken to further increase capital ships and auxiliary vessels, in order to ensure a Navy at least equal in strength to that of any single Power.

Mr. Asquith declared that he was not one of the advocates who urged dispensing with capital ships. He pointed out that the Empire more than any Power in the world was most dependent on sea-power. He condemned the pre-war formula of the Two-Power Standard and urged a formula that the Navy, in conjunction with those of the Dominions, who are a growing factor in the Imperial family, should always be adequate to secure the safety of the sea-girt Empire and sea-borne supplies against any reasonably calculable risk. Mr. Asquith emphasised that the present was the most favourable opportunity to reduce the ample margin of naval strength held by America and Britain over all other Powers, as fratricidal strife between the two great English-speaking peoples was an absolute impossibility. Sir Edward Carson declared that 1921 was the most critical year which the Navy would face in its whole history. It would be the greatest catastrophe to become the second naval Power. He was not confident that the Estimates even maintained that standard. He pointed out that in 1925, the United States would have eighteen of the most modern capital ships, Japan eleven and Britain five.

Replying, Sir James Craig said not a single member of the Board of Admiralty would have signed the Estimates unless he were satisfied that they safeguarded Imperial interests.

Lieut. Col. Archer-Shee's amendment was negatived without a division.

WAGES IN THE SHIPPING WORLD.

Liverpool Shipowners' Proposal.

London, March 17.
Liverpool shipowners have submitted to the National Maritime Board a definite scheme for the reduction of wages and the revision of working conditions of all ratings, ranging from 90/- monthly in the case of officers, seamen and firemen, and 110/- in the case of stewards.

LORD READING OFF TO INDIA.

London, March 17.
Lord Reading has left for India to take up the Viceroyalty.

LARGE AMERICAN FIRM GOES INTO LIQUIDATION.

Losses Through Soviet's Repudiation.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, March 17.
Receivers have been appointed to take over the business of Messrs. Gaston, Williams, and Wigmore, exporters and importers, whose liabilities are estimated at six million dollars. The assets consist of stock in subsidiary companies all over the world. It is understood that the company's financial embarrassment is due to depreciation of its stock holdings, also to heavy losses owing to the Soviet Government repudiating claims for supplies to the Imperial and the Kerensky Governments.

RELIEF OF AUSTRIA.

Allies Grant Postponement of Payments and Release Securities.

London, March 17.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain announced that Britain, France, Italy and Japan have intimated to Austria that they are prepared to postpone the payments due from Austria under the treaty of St. Germain, also payment of the capital and interest on advances made to Austria since the Armistice, in order to avert the starvation of Austria. The whole assets of Austria have been hitherto pledged as security for these payments. The above suspensions, however, will release the assets, and the League of Nations will determine what fresh gold advances may be made to Austria upon same. The four Allies have also undertaken, at the forthcoming conference at Portofino, to help effect improvement in the economic conditions which are at present prejudicing Central Europe. Furthermore, they will endeavour to assure Austria a continued increased supply of coal.

RESUMPTION OF REPARATION NEGOTIATIONS.

Dr. von Simons' Forecast.

Berlin, March 17.
Herr Scholz, the German Minister of Economics, addressed the Imperial Economic Council, declared that in view of the penalties German trade must seek fresh channels. He hoped that Eastern Europe would be able to absorb German goods. He foreshadowed in this connection an extension of the list of export articles, de-control of prices and gradual abolition of the duty. Dr. von Simons' speech anticipated a resumption of negotiations with the Entente. He declared that the work of reconstruction must be placed in the forefront of Germany's counter-proposals and the most comprehensive plan formulated for reconstruction of the devastated regions by means of German labour, which might form the security for a loan.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Preliminary Agenda.

London, March 15.
Reuter learns that the agenda for the Conference of Dominions Premiers is now being drawn up, but is unlikely to be complete for some weeks. The British Government is sending out to the Dominions papers relative to questions it desires discussed, and asking the Dominions reciprocally to send in data regarding the subjects they propose to place upon the agenda. It is practically certain that the naval, military, and air defence of the Empire will form the main theme of the discussions, while arrangements for the meeting of the Empire in constitutional conference also figure prominently. It is hoped that further considerable advance will be made with regard to the Imperial wireless system. It is anticipated that the report of the Milner Commission on wireless will be ready for the Conference, enabling the Dominions Premiers to see how far stations have been developed and to submit views regarding same.

NEW ADMINISTRATION TO REVIEW DEBS CASE.

Washington, March 17.
President Harding has requested the Attorney-General to review the case of the Socialist leader, Eugene Debs, imprisoned for obstructing recruiting during the war.

THE RUSSIAN REVOLT.

Reported Fall of Kronstadt.

Helsingfors, March 17.
The Revolutionary Committee with 800 soldiers has arrived in Finland. It is stated that Kronstadt has surrendered.

LETHAL CHAMBER FOR HUMANS.

New Mode of Capital Punishment.

Reno (Nev.), March 17.
The Senate has passed a Bill providing for the use of lethal gas for capital punishment.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, March 17.
The Premier has declared that as the union of the country is in view, the disbandment of soldiers may be begun after six months, and that the National Army will then be reduced by one-half.
A telegram from Kalgan states that the forces for Urga have retreated to Uliassutai, suffering considerable loss.

Shanghai, March 17.
An important meeting has taken place in the President's Palace to deal with Mongolian affairs, only. The Premier declared that nothing could be done without money.
A prominent person has made a proposal to Mr. Stephens, of the new Bank Group, to borrow a sum of \$30,000,000 gold with the Tobacco and Wine Taxes as security. He says that if the American banks refuse he will turn to Japan.
Owing to the situation in Mongolia having become serious, Chang King-wai and Chan Fan have both refused to accept the post of Commander-in-Chief at Urga.
(Other Telegrams on Page 8.)

KOWLOON NOTES.

(BY "The Ferryman.")

By slow degrees they're getting on with the installation of the clock on the railway tower. The hands are now on, I see. So presumably it won't be long before Big Ben really gets going.

A friend of mine the other day, noticing a nice little varandah room at the top of the railway tower, said he wouldn't mind living there. He added that if the Government would give him free quarters there, he would, in return, undertake to keep the clock wound up!

Another convenience being got under way is the proposed motor bus service. Tenders are now being invited, and I hear that there are several concerns interested in securing the monopoly.

I read with much interest the remarks in Thursday's *Telegraph* regarding the provision of larger ferry boats. One can quite understand the Star Ferry Company hesitating to incur heavy expenditure before knowing definitely what Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice is going to recommend. But the argument that the ferries are large enough for present needs is a bit far-fetched.

There are certain hours of the day when the ferry-boats are absolutely overcrowded, there being insufficient standing room for all the first-class passengers. The same story is told of the Peak trams and the lower level trams. All of which shows the steady growth of the population.

Like many other Kowloon people, I was very interested in reading a defence of the Constitutional Reform Association in one of the local papers this week. As showing the interest of that body in municipal matters, it was pointed out that in 1918 a public meeting under its auspices passed resolutions on the housing question and the exclusion of Germans.

That isn't much of a record, anyhow. What else has it done? Its correspondence, we are told, has covered a wide variety of questions. That's news to most of us. I don't remember any mention of these matters at the Association's annual meetings. The point is: Has the Association done anything?



MR. EUGENE DEBS.

the American Socialist leader, now in prison for obstructing recruiting during the war, whose case is to be reviewed, under instructions issued by President Harding.

I'm wondering whether the continuous activity of the Kowloon Residents' Association has anything to do with the C.R.A.'s new venture into the sphere of municipal matters. If so, Hongkong may yet have reason to be thankful for the existence of the Kowloon Association.

The declaration that the C.R.A.'s agitation for the election of all unofficial members will not cease until it is secured is amusing. Election by whom? By the public? Oh, no—that's not the C.R.A.'s programme. But it's what the public wants, all the same.

By the death of Mr. E. J. Noronha, Kowloon has lost one of its most progressive men. He was ever to the fore in the furtherance of Kowloon's interests. He will be sadly missed.

Splendid progress is being made with the new cinema adjacent to the Club de Recreio grounds in Kowloon. The structure is now well advanced, and before long the little picture house should be doing a roaring business.

Now that the weather is getting a trifle warmer, Castle Peak is becoming more popular. Motor cars and cycles go out in large number at week-ends. Soon the bathing will begin.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The Sincere Company, Ltd., have stocks of interest to men in search of personal attire.—Page 3.
Consignees of cargo by the s.s. Pedro Nunes from Lisbon should consult the notice on Page 5.

The American Express Company has added Basle to its foreign offices and is organising new offices for Peking and Tientsin.—Page 9.

The s.s. Carnarvonshire has arrived from Europe and consignees of cargo should consult the notice on Page 5.

Bostock's Royal Italian Circus is opening to-morrow for a short season on the ground next the Kowloon Post Office.—Page 4.

The s.s. Pedro Nunes will sail for Lisbon, via ports, on Thursday, March 31st.—Page 4.

"Peaches and Cream" is the new production being given by the Banvard Musical Comedy Company to-night.—Page 4.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of freemasonry in Hongkong and South China is being marked by an "Extraordinary Lodge of Emergency" of the Zetland Lodge on Monday night.—Page 4.

At the Coronet Theatre "Prince and Betty" (featuring William Desmond) and "All Dressed Up" (a Sub Comedy) will form the week-end attractions.—Page 12.

The orders for the week of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps appear on Page 4.

Mr. Leslie S. Greenhill has been appointed Acting Secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited and the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co. Ltd.—Page 4.

SYDNEY'S BIRTH-RATE.

The birth-rate of Sydney (New South Wales) for January was 3 per cent. above the average of the past five years, and 15 per cent. above the birth-rate for January, 1920.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2s. 3½d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer:—29.92. Temperature:—75. Humidity:—61.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day is 6.33 p.m.



AUSTRIA.

(To-day's telegrams indicate Allied measures to avert the starvation of Austria.)

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NAVAL REDUCTIONS.

London, March 17.

A striking announcement on the naval armaments question was made by Lord Lee, First Lord, at a dinner of the Institute of Naval Architects, when he said that if an invitation came from Washington we would be prepared to put aside all other business in order to help towards an agreement for a mutual reduction which was the most pressing matter in the world's affairs. He declared that the difference between the American and British formula regarding the strength of their respective navies was too slight to be made a subject of controversy. He asserted that if ever war broke out between us and any of our ex-Allies it would be the fault of blind or criminal leading for which statesmen, whether in London, Washington, Tokyo or any other capital, would be execrated in history if they failed to avert such a tragedy. Lord Lee said the new British Navy estimates set an example of reduction. We had taken risks as regards the relative position of our Navy with others and we were prepared to go the farthest possible to that end by mutual agreement. But it was insufficient merely to talk of hands across the sea; they must also have heads across the sea. Lord Lee said that from a long knowledge of America he profoundly believed in business talking leading up to a square deal. We were not engaged at poker bluff but in a game where the cards were placed on the table.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TRADE.

London, March 17.

Signature of the Anglo-Russian Trade Agreement was speedily followed by a Moscow wireless announcing a contract for a big coal order signed in London for the purchase of three hundred thousand tons.

After putting his signature to the agreement, Sir Robert Horne addressed a letter to M. Krassin giving details of Bolshevik activity against India and stating this must immediately be ended if the good faith of the trade agreement is to be observed.

The conclusion of the Russo-British Trade Agreement is in no wise hailed with universal satisfaction. The "Daily Herald" alone is jubilant and claims the agreement is a great labour triumph. Other comments range from strong condemnation to old gratification. The point of immediate concern is whether gold and other commodities from Russia are attachable. M. Krassin declares that a test action will be brought in the Courts as soon as possible and if the verdict is pro-Soviet trade will be opened immediately but if anti-Soviet the agreement is useless unless the British Government obtains a revision of the decision.

THE REPARATION BILL.

London, March 17.

The Reparation Bill has passed the Committee stage in the House of Commons.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENT.

Paris, March 15.

M. Millerand has completed his visit to Lyons Fair and also the industrial district where the working population gave him a most hearty welcome. The President is to proceed to-morrow on a journey to Valence Avignon.

NEW FAR EASTERN LINE.

Brussels, March 17.

The new Sino-Belgian Navigating Company established by the Belgian Royal Lloyd has four steamers constructing that are intended to run a regular service to Shanghai from Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hamburg.

GERMANY AND HER DEBTS.

Berlin, March 17.

It is semi-officially denied by the Government that production has been reduced in the Stinnes and Thyssen works in the newly occupied districts. No workmen have been dismissed.

THE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Havana, March 17.

The first game between Lasker and Capablanca for the World's Chess Championship was drawn, in fifty moves.

**THE FAMINE RELIEF
FUND.****Hongkong Chinese Con-
tribute \$30,800.**

In consequence of an urgent appeal from North China the Street Committee held a meeting at the Tung Wah Hospital on Wednesday afternoon to decide as to the allotment of the balance of the proceeds of the Relief Bazaar held recently at the Chung Wah School building, and of the ill-starred flying exhibition at Happy Valley on 13th February.

The letter states that there has been no improvement in the conditions in the North and there is a great need for funds to pursue the relief campaign. As foreign nations have contributed so much money for relief purposes, said one of the speakers at the meeting, it behooved all local Chinese to exert themselves in this good cause in order to help their fellow countrymen out of the present crisis.

It was announced that the balance of the proceeds of the Bazaar amounted to \$10,124.22. The amount collected at the flying exhibition was \$3,344.20, out of which \$800 had been deducted for the benefit of Mr. Lim On, the aviator concerned. After receiving the money, the speaker continued, Mr. Lim On disappeared and his whereabouts were a mystery. His associates, Mr. Rowe, also an aviator, remained in the Colony. As the arrangement with Mr. Lim On in connection with the exhibition flight was that he would be given \$1,000 out of the proceeds, the remainder of that amount should now be given to Mr. Rowe. The meeting agreed.

Proposed by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak and seconded by Mr. Li Po-kwai, it was decided to remit \$10,800 to the North, bringing the Hongkong Chinese contribution up to \$30,800.

The Shanghai Drive.
Interest of famine relief workers and all others interested in saving the millions now facing starvation is now centred on Shanghai, which has begun its drive for a fund of \$1,000,000. The Shanghai campaign opened with a mass meeting in the Municipal Hall, and leaders expected to obtain pledges for \$250,000 on the first day. Parades, tag day, solicitation and house to house visits are important phases of the drive.

China's total to-day in the National Famine Relief Drive exceeds \$1,400,000, and funds are still coming in. Kaifeng now has more than \$48,000, Changsha \$32,000 and Anking is just beginning her drive, having issued 7,000 subscription books which are to be distributed among workers

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.
SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

**MURDER OF GENERAL
WANG.**

Shanghai, March 17.

Thirty thousand dollars reward is offered for the arrest of the slayer of General Wang Wen Hua, Commander in Chief of the Kweichow troops. The murder was well planned, the slayer firing into the automobile and mortally wounding the General, then making his escape. The assassin had a room at the Yih Pin Shang Hotel, over looking the door, with a view of those leaving. He saw the General enter his car and fired. The story here is that Wang was plotting to become Tuchun of Kweichow. One passer by was hit by a stray bullet.

TIN AND RUBBER.

Singapore, March 17.

At the annual meeting of Penang Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Lonic, who presided, said the severity of the present slump in trade was not anticipated. They had entered a critical period when business required the most careful handling, but the slump might yet prove to be a blessing in disguise, paving the way to an era of sound trading under improved economic conditions.

Mr. Lonic deprecated Government intervention in the tin and rubber situations; it would be best to allow matters to run their course and he expressed confidence in the future of the rubber.

The financial position in the bazaar, continued Mr. Lonic, was not sound and a debacle was only avoidable by extending native traders more latitude in credit for their purchases. He appealed to native merchants to support European houses in order themselves to emerge from the crisis, perhaps poorer but wiser citizens.

**CANTON AMERICAN
SUED.**

Shanghai, March 17.

N. Hashim, a Canton American, is being sued in the U.S. Court for Ts. 3,828, alleged to be due to the Cathay Lane Co.

GENERAL NEWS.**CABLE USERS' COMMITTEE.**

Lord Riddell has been notified by the Postmaster-General that he proposes to arrange for the establishment of a permanent committee of users of the cable and wireless services to place abroad. The committee will include two Press representatives.

GLASGOW COUNCIL SCENES.

There were lively scenes at a Glasgow Corporation meeting after a debate on a proposal to grant a further £10,000 in relief of unemployment. This was refused by 57 votes to 44. The Labour group, over 40 strong, hotly protested, and during the altercation which ensued the Lord Provost adjourned the meeting. Members of the rival parties nearly came to blows in the corridor.

**LORD DERBY'S TRIBUTE TO
LORD ROBERTS.**

Lord Derby, in opening the Burnley branch of the Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors, paid a tribute to the memory of his "dear old chief" Lord Roberts, whose greatest solicitude, he said, was always for the private soldier. Before the war Lord Roberts pleaded to too many deaf ears for an Army worthy of England. Had his advice been followed, the Great War would have lasted only one year instead of four years.

throughout the province. Tientsin is still engaged in her campaign, following the Governor's reception on Tuesday. Sianfu reports a total of \$12,000 to date.

The various relief organizations will need a much larger fund than is now in sight, and other countries and districts outside China are organizing campaigns.

Japan is to have a general campaign for funds, though the Japanese have already given liberally in the drive and to famine relief generally. Mr. Liu Hsi-lien, social service secretary of the Peking Y.M.C.A., is going to Japan to help in the work.

A Drive Committee has also been organized in Harbin.

The Peking subscriptions are being paid this week, the last to be reported being that from the Netherlands Syndicate which pledged \$5,000.

ENGLAND IS NOT
DECADENT.It is the Individual that
Counts To-day.

It is the surprise of one returned from the ends of the earth to find the idea of decadence still in the minds of men here in England, writes "A Returned Englishman" in the *Daily Chronicle*. "I am sorry to live in these times: England is on the downgrade now. She can never pull along burdened as she is. Look at this, and that, and the other country, what strides they are making."

INBORN COMMONSENSE.

Yes, and look back at what men did and suffered in the war. Men who "stuck it," as Tommy did for five solid years, are sons of no decadent race. But it is our characteristic to belittle ourselves; to envy others their apparent success; to shut our eyes to that which in ourselves causes the wonder and the admiration of the foreigner.

One has seen men come out to the Colony straight from England, ignorant, many of them, of the life they must lead in the new country; unable to lay a brick much less to make one; unable to turn a hand to the hundred and one jobs which at home there is a man round the corner ready to do when called upon; and in a little time one has seen those very men, with their inborn commonsense, doing and doing well, everything necessary on the farm they have chosen as their future home.

"The present moment is one of great distress. But how small will that distress appear when we think over the history of the last forty years; a war compared with which all other wars sink into insignificance; taxation such as the most heavily taxed people of former times could not have conceived; a debt larger than all the public debts that ever existed in the world added together; the food of the people studiously rendered dear."

How very modern that all sounds! And yet it is not a quotation from a politician of 1921, but the outburst of even the most rabid writer on Squandermania. It was written in 1830 by Lord Macaulay. He was reviewing "Southey's Colloquies," who, as so many still do to-day, found the Golden Age only in the past, and was terrified at the signs of the times.

A TONIC FOR DEPRESSION.

If history is a tonic for depression, then Macaulay in the latter part of his review gave his readers a large dose of it, and very much of what he wrote is truer to-day than when he wrote it, coming with the added force of nearly a century's fuller experience. Let us quote again—it is all so apposite for to-day: "We cannot absolutely prove that those are in error who tell us that society has reached a turning point, that we have seen our best days. But so said all that came before us, and with just as much apparent reason."

"Six millions a year and a debt of 50 millions," exclaimed Swift: "the high allies have been the ruin of us." A hundred and forty millions of Debt, said Junius; well may we say that we owe Lord Chatham more than we shall ever pay if we owe him such a load as this. "Two hundred and forty millions of Debt," cried all the statesmen of 1783 in chorus; what abilities or what economy on the part of a Minister can save a country so burdened?

On what principle is it that, when we see nothing but improvements behind us, we are to expect nothing but deterioration before us?"

On what principle, indeed, we may echo—on what line of reasoning is it to-day that men's hearts fall them for looking on those things that are coming on the earth?

ENGLAND'S TRUE WEALTH.

No, England is not decadent, cannot be decadent, while she breeds the sons and daughters she does. Loaded with debt she may be, dazed and harassed by the years of storm and their aftermath she may be; but, comparatively speaking, she is better off to-day than in the days when Macaulay wrote the words we have quoted. She still owns the individual man and woman, and it is the individual who counts on the credit side, counts and overweighs the load of debt.

To-day England knows her sons and daughters better than she did in Macaulay's day; know them by the history of five dark years; know them by the story of the conquest of barbarian races and of vacant spaces. Let men and women to-day lift up their heads,

MAN WHO KNEW
SOCIETY'S SECRETS.Death Of "Marmaduke"
Of "Truth"

With the death of Mr. Charles Edward Jerningham—who as "Marmaduke" wrote "Letters From the Linkman" for 22 years in "Truth"—society and journalism lose a notable figure.

It was said of him, when he retired from "Truth," in 1912, that he was familiar with most of the skeletons in the clubs of the West-end—he was a member of 14—and the drawing-rooms of Mayfair. Yet he could then boast to a Press representative: "I have lived behind the scenes, but in all the years I have been a journalist I have not made a single enemy. I have had a ruling principle—so to write that my soul would not be damned and I myself should not be assaulted from the rear."

First intended for the Guards—he was the last to be nominated for the Grenadiers before the adoption of the competitive examination and then for the diplomatic service, he made his entry into journalism in an accidental manner. He took to the editor of "Vanity Fair" a message from a youthful friend, who had an ambition to write for that paper. The editor offered the work to him, instead of to the youth whom he represented.

NEVER MISSED A WEEK.

Then "Labby" invited him to write for "Truth." He gladly agreed, but though "Labby" was immensely tickled by his proposal to adopt the signature "Ananias," his courage failed him at the last moment, and it was as "Marmaduke" that he wrote the articles that made him famous.

Of those articles he used to chat in interesting fashion with friends. He never missed his weekly column for 22 years, and he carefully preserved in sacks the letters brought from readers. 3,000 in all, and only three of an abusive nature. He always made 14 or 16 drafts of each article, and saw five proofs before he finally passed it.

When he became editor of "Vanity Fair" in 1912 he laid it down that "society news" need not consist of scandal.

"The people of the West-end have many good points. A man I knew, the youngest son of a peer, had a fortune of £20,000. He did the usual thing—gambling, racing, and the rest—and he lost everything except the price of a ticket to South Africa. Three weeks before his boat sailed he went to a turf club, and in one night won £23,000 from one man. Three times he gave his opponent his revenge, and finished up by winning £35,000.

Then the man from whom he had won the money told him that to pay meant ruin, and he had a wife and family. The winner tore up the I.O.U.s, walked out of the club and caught his boat to South Africa. I want the tone of my paper to be like the tone of the man who walked out of the club."

A MEMBER'S GRIEVANCE.

A famous clubman, Mr. Jerningham told many good stories against the disagreeable clubman: "I remember once (he said) that at a well-known club one of the members had a stroke of paralysis in the reading-room. There was only one other man in the room, and he at once wrote to the committee protesting against members having their paralytic strokes in the club."

He was a man of many interests. A collector of rare and beautiful things, especially old English glass, he presented his unrivalled collection of prints of the Royal London parks to the nation in 1906, and it is now in the London Museum, which embodies an idea of which he could claim to be the originator. His wide range is shown by the fact that he helped to found the Self Help Emigration Society, was on the council of the Footpaths Preservation Society, founded the Society of Linguists, and composed songs and waltzes. He belonged to one of the oldest Roman Catholic families in England, and was heir presumptive to the baronetcy of Jerningham. He died in his 67th year.

CHINESE FLAG OVER HARBIN.

The Chinese flag has been hoisted over the Municipal Council Hall at Harbin.

mindful of their great heritage, spiritual and material; let them betrive to be worthy of their forefathers and England need have no fear of the future.

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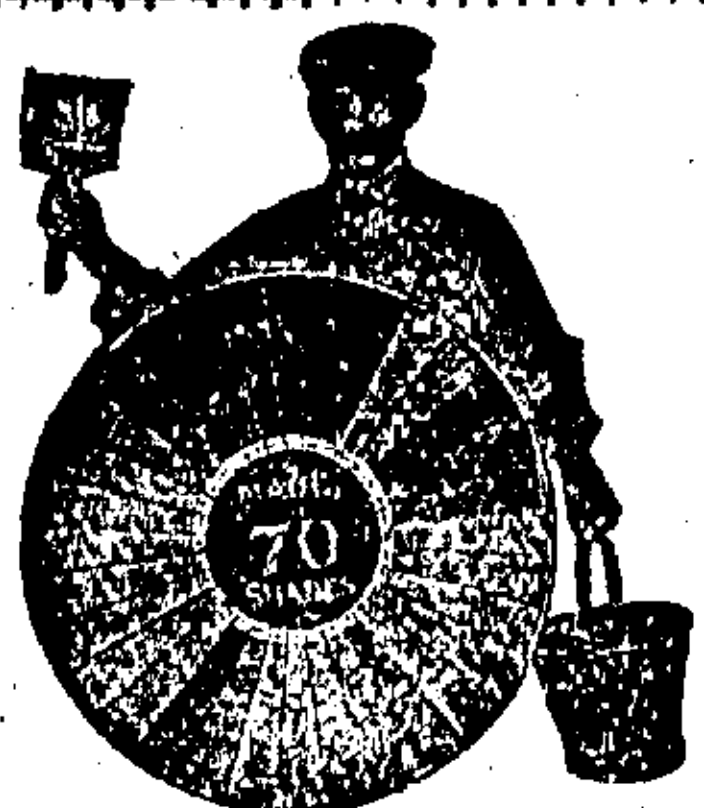
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CAPITAL'S VIEWS
ON LABOUR.Business Men on Work
and Wages.

The old saw said “Money talks,” but the man who can persuade Capital to talk just now must have remarkable gifts. But it has just been done by a member of Parliament for an industrial constituency, who recently approached the leading employers in various parts of the country, writes a special correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*.

He asked each employer to help him to frame an answer to these blunt questions:—

What is to be our answer to the demands of those who are frankly revolutionaries?

How are we to face the demands of the sane members of the working classes who are steadily being driven into the arms of the extremists?

The letter invited employers to concentrate in their replies on these points:—

(1) What can the employer do to assist the country to get rid of the continual disputes which are interrupting its progress?

(2) How does the employer propose to meet the unemployment which is at present threatening so many industries?

The replies are roughly divisible into areas which may be classified as London, the Midlands, Lancashire and Yorkshire, and the North. The present article will deal only with the position as revealed by the answers of many London employers.

QUESTION OF OUTPUT.

One London employer gets right to the heart of the problem when he says that the principal point at issue is output. He justly claims that those who advocate restricted output completely shut their eyes to the economic side of the question, which in plain language is—How many men can an industry support?

The “canny” policy, of course, means that an industry must be burdened with the maximum of men, each of whom must do the minimum possible work.

If persisted in for any length of time, such a mistaken policy brings both employer and employee to utter ruin. In other words, the industry disappears. So does the workman's livelihood. In a very real sense we are nowadays members one of another.

Putting the matter in economic terms, when the cost of production is ahead of the actual selling price, the price must be increased. The purchasing public have no time to investigate causes. They merely say, “This article is too dear; we'll do without it.” Instantly the demand falls. As the demand falls the unemployment curve rises.

SUPPORTING THE UNEMPLOYED.
This employer states the well-known economic law that any one industry can support a reasonable number of men permanently, and a smaller number temporarily. The purpose of the latter is, of course, to meet fluctuations in the market.

Since, however, the unemployed mostly come from the ranks of temporary employees, this employer courageously advocates that these “temporaries” should be borne as a permanent charge on the industry.

Each industry would bear its share, and it is claimed that if this principle were universally accepted unemployment would vanish.

The general manager of a famous London firm advocates a general adoption of co-partnership. His company has had such a scheme in force for 31 years, and during that time has had complete freedom from labour troubles of any kind. Moreover, for the past 22 years, three employee directors—two elected by the stockholding workmen and one by the salaried staff—have sat upon the board and shared in the duties and responsibilities of management.

NEED FOR CONFIDENCE.

This expert is surely right when he says that no permanent remedy for unemployment will be found until a feeling of confidence is established between employer and employee, and each party determines to give the other “a square deal.”

That employers are not lacking in courage is evident from another suggestion—that we must get rid of the extremist agitators, practice rigid economy on all sides, and concentrate on increased production. This employer roundly states:—

“Get rid of the extremists, who foment trouble in every quarter. This centre of discontent has a

GEORGE FORMBY DEAD.

Well-known Comedian's Long
Illness.

The death took place at Stockton Heath, near Warrington, on February 8 of Mr. George Formby, a well-known Lancashire comedian. Mr. Formby, who had been in failing health for a long period, had recently to relinquish an engagement in pantomime at Newcastle.

The deceased comedian was a great favourite with Edinburgh audiences and was “starred” regularly at the Empire Theatre.

He was a comedian with a quiet, restrained style, and his most telling “patter” was obtained through this medium. His pretence of being an exceptionally “bad lad” and the recital of the most blood-curdling exploits in a weak, tired voice, coupled with the feeblest of gestures, never failed to provoke a responsive smile from his audience. He had an infectious cough, too—possibly not so much assumed as was commonly supposed—with which he punctuated his dry humour.

Like many another famous comedian, George Formby had many imitators on the stage, but in his own particular sphere he reigned supreme, and his death will be a distinct loss to the variety stage, on which he cut such a prominent figure.

foreign origin; its principles and methods are by no means British, and its roots should be dug up, no matter how painful the process may be.”

An important London firm makes some striking suggestions, which may be summarised as:—

Minimum wage for all workers, with additions according to individual ability; 10 per cent. reserve to be earmarked to form an interest-bearing fund to meet sickness, unemployment, and old age.

Rigid economy and decontrol.

These proposals do not come from an academic visionary, but from a managing director who has probably been in closer touch with Labour than any similar official in modern industry. He finds, he says, that the workers, as a class, are sensible and considerate when they understand the position and when they are left alone.

In his opinion—not peculiar to him by any means—we are suffering to-day from:—

Inability of manufacturers to give a date when manufactured articles can be delivered;

Excessive freights and insurance;

Excessive railway rates;

Excessive cartage rates; the uncertainty of wages claims and stoppages.

And the resulting abnormal costs of raw materials. Unless the manufacturers are assisted and backed up, says this same employer, the export trade will slowly but surely leave Great Britain.

RISING COSTS.

The race against rising costs of every conceivable kind is gradually narrowing the circle of employment, and employers have constantly to study whether they cannot lessen their wages bill. Not only are working hours drastically curtailed, but less is being turned out per hour worked.

But, apart from all economic considerations, the clear-sighted employer realises that the chief feeling among the workers is that, after a lifetime of toil, they cannot look forward to any pension for old age. This employer would remedy this by forming a 10 per cent. reserve for every wage-earner, big or small. This fund would bear 6 per cent. interest, and should be a first charge on the company or firm, or even—he considers—the State.

At the same time, instead of a uniformly high wage for every employee, lazy or industrious, he recommends a reasonable wage for those who are unable to do a good day's work, and a better wage up the scale for those workers who show increased ability and energy.

He points out, however, the notorious fact that the trade unions object to any such reserve fund, because they want the worker to be dependent on them by payment into specifically union funds.

Whether people agree or not with the opinions expressed by these various London employers, the fact remains that these men have a policy. More-over, they can think. The trump card in the agitator's pack is that all employers are dolts, and that many of them are rogues. Hence we are where we are.

RACING BOOM.

Likely to Continue this
Year.

There has been an extraordinary boom in racing and all manner of sports since the war, states a writer. One may speculate on the cause without arriving at any satisfactory conclusion, but the fact remains that last year's boom was the greatest of all.

Will it continue this year, in spite of trade depression and the weight of taxation?

This question was put by a Press representative to Mr. Douglas Stuart, who is said to be the greatest turf accountant in the world. His answer was a decided affirmative.

“Though this year is only a month old,” said Mr. Stuart, “I have already done an enormous amount of business. In comparison with January 1920, my figures for the past month are much greater.”

“Of course, we are now in the jumping season, and many people stop racing when the flat season ends. But even then there was hardly any appreciable falling off in the volume of business.”

“The great spring double event—the Lincolnshire and the Grand National—seems to have made its appeal to hundreds of people, and bets have been made about every conceivable combination of horses.”

“If that is any pointer, with regard to the boom, this year will certainly equal, if not eclipse, last.”

“There was money to spend last year. Trade was good; men only just coming home from the Army, and the excitement attendant on watching for the winner was a relaxation from the conditions of a return to civil life. This year money is certainly scarcer, and economy is the general cry, yet I do not think it will effect the racing public.”

“The problem arising over the recent law case, when it was decided that betting losses paid by cheque were recoverable is not making any difference either. In the case of an unscrupulous bookmaker or backer, nothing would ever be lost. Cheques would be paid out by either and then claimed back again. But when a turf accountant's good faith is proved by his advertising that in no circumstances will this law be resorted to it will not make the slightest difference.”

“Last season it was noticeable that many women were taking to racing and keeping it up. I have a number of lady clients on my books. They take their losses in a very sporting spirit too.”

LABOUR'S IDEA OF A
BUDGET.

The Labour party's idea of a Budget has been issued in the form of a second interim report from the Joint Committee appointed by the Labour movement to inquire into taxation and the cost of living.

It is proposed that as a means of redeeming a substantial portion of the National Debt a graduated levy on all forms of accumulated wealth above £5000, on a scale varying from 1 per cent. up to 50 per cent. on the largest fortunes. This, they think, could be made to yield 4000 millions.

Other proposals are the abolition of all taxes on foodstuffs; reduction by half of the taxes on tobacco; abolition of the entertainments tax; Income-tax and Super-tax to form the basis of our system of direct taxation, increased allowances for dependants, and the raising of the exemption level for Income-tax purposes; steepening of the Death Duties, and increased duty at each successive transference of inherited wealth to the point of ultimate extinction.

The Committee believe that reduction of the National Debt and of the expenditure on the armed forces are the chief means of retrenchment, and, while condemning wasteful State expenditure, call for more generous treatment of such services as education and public health.

“Key industries” the committee consider, should be public enterprises. They do not think Protection would benefit the worker or the consumer and while not regarding a trade system as a solvent of the evils of the industrial system, consider that the case for the utmost possible freedom of trade at the present time is overwhelming.

In view of Mr. Austen Chamberlain's dropping of the E.P.D. it is interesting to note that the report states:—“The Excess Profits Duty has resulted in

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DEATH AT 103.
Mrs. Catherine Riley has died in Brownlow Hill Poor Law Institution, Liverpool, aged 103.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Catholic Observance.

St. Patrick's Day was observed at St. Joseph's Church yesterday, when High Mass was celebrated by Bishop Pozzoni.

The sermon was preached by Father Lynch, who delivered a panegyric on the Irish people, speaking of their fate and fortunes in all ages in all parts of the world. He took as his text: "O, poor little one, tossed with tempest and without all comfort; behold I will set thy stones in order and lay thy foundations with sapphires."—Isaiah 54-11. He gave an account of the life of St. Patrick and spoke of the Irish monks in the early days going all over Europe and carrying with them the influences of Christianity and civilisation. Incidentally Father Lynch remarked that, according to General Butterfield, of New York, Columbus was the real discoverer of America, there having been a pre-discovery by St. Brendan centuries before Columbus, an account thereof, in Gaelic, being in the Bodleian Library at Oxford and in the Bibliothèque National in Paris. General Butterfield maintaining the probability that it was the reading of such manuscripts that led Columbus to make his voyage.

WHEN A MAN'S FORTY.

If he has not previously worn glasses, he should lose no time in having his sight properly tested. If he has worn them, he should make quite sure by a scientific test that his glasses do not want altering. This is important. Up to the age of forty the muscles of the eyes will sometimes make up for defect by straining. After forty, the elasticity of these muscles gradually lessens until they become quite taut. The Hongkong Optical Co., Successors to Clark & Co., Refracting and Manufacturing Opticians—located in 53, Queen's Road Central, have the equipment to test your sight accurately.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Monday, the 21st March, 1921, commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street

A Quantity of Tea and an Assortment of Provisions (More or less slightly damaged by water)

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday, March 29th, 1921 at 4 o'clock precisely, in the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1920.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1921.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A New Class for "Beginners" will commence on Monday, April 4th, 1921, if sufficient support be forthcoming.

Application for enrolment and enquiries regarding hours of school, fees, etc., should be made to the undersigned as early as possible.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1921.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS & DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong will be held on Wednesday, March 30th, 1921, at 4 p.m. precisely, in the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1920.
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3. To transact any general business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1921.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

The First Gymkhana is fixed for Saturday April 2nd 1921. Draft Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close Wednesday, 23rd March, 1921.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Power of Attorney given to Mr. Roy C. Burdin by THOMAS W. SIMMONS & COMPANY has this day been revoked.

THOMAS W. SIMMONS & CO.
By Thomas W. Simmons
President.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1921.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-second Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at Noon on Wednesday the 30th instant.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 16th to the 30th instant, both days inclusive.

At this Meeting a Resolution will be proposed dealing with the remuneration to the Consulting Committee.

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1921.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 12th March, to SATURDAY, 19th March, 1921, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. H. TAGGART, Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1921.

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ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

Members are hereby notified that the following dates have been arranged for the remaining sailing events:

| MARCH. | |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 19th | Commodore's and Vice-Commodore's Cups for racing yachts. |
| Sun. 20th | Fifth and last Championship Event for Cruisers. |
| Sat. 26th | Races for Racing Yachts and Cruisers under the auspices of the V.R.C. |
| Sun. 27th | Race for presented Cups for Racing Yachts. |
| Mon. 28th | Races for Racing yachts and Cruisers under auspices of V.R.C. |
| APRIL. | |
| Sat. 9th | Races for boats placed not higher than 2nd in the Championships for racing yachts for "Also Ran" cups presented by the Commodore and Capt. Arthur. |
| Sun. 10th | Commodore's and Vice-Commodore's Cups for Cruisers. |
| Sun. 17th | Race for "Presented Cups" for Cruisers. |

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| VIKING | 60 " |
| THECLA | 60 " |

NOTICE.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

The Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6 Connaught Road, on Thursday the 24th March 1921, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1920, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday the 17th March 1921 until Thursday the 24th March 1921, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

NOTICE.

Mr. Frederick Thompson L.D.S. "Dental Surgeon" wishes to announce that he has removed from his offices at No. 50 Queen's Road Central to Mercantile Bank Buildings.

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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Tuesday 29th March 1921 at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1920.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to the 29th March 1921 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.
Hongkong 7th March, 1921.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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An "EXTRAORDINARY LODGE OF EMERGENCY" will be held on Monday, March 21st, 1921, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely, in celebration of the SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China.

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Brethren who intend being present are requested to notify the secretary.

By Command of the W. M.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1921.

1. Parades. The Corps will parade on Monday, 21st March, at 5.30 p.m., at Headquarters. Attendance, Strong as possible. Dress: Drill Order with Helmetts and Shorts EXCEPT—

1. Scottish Company who will wear Balmoral Caps and Kilts without Khaki Aprons.
2. Mounted Infantry Section will wear Breeches.

Machine Gun Company carry Revolvers and Pouches. Cadet Company form up in rear of Corps.

Other parades during week ending 26th March, 1921 will be held in accordance with Programme of Work.

2. Engineer Company.—Parade at Belchers at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 31st instant for practice on Defence Electric Light.

3. Mounted Infantry Section.—Parade at Polo Ground, Causeway Bay on Wednesday, 23rd instant, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Optional.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1921.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

The signing of the Anglo-Russian Trade Agreement (the text of which Reuter outlined in yesterday's cables) marks a very distinct advance in the relationship between Russia and the other countries of Europe. The agreement is one of tremendous importance politically as well as financially because the two Governments forming the contracting parties undertake to act in precisely the same manner as though a formal treaty of peace had been signed. These undertakings are particularly wide and virtually mean the cessation of all friction and dispute. Only by a six months' notice after the expiration of twelve months can the agreement be terminated save by a breach on Britain's part of one of the main undertakings. One cannot read through the abbreviated text without realising that the British authorities were particularly keen to meet the Russian delegates' viewpoints.

Russia—Soviet Russia—can now be said to have re-established herself among the trading Powers of Europe and the effect of it all must inevitably be a brisk revival in the commercial relations of the two peoples. It has been claimed that Russia is still a great storehouse of many needed essentials and also that she has the financial capacity to purchase manufactured goods to a large extent. Just how all these prognostications will work out remains to be seen. One has to realise that Russia is a country of great vastness and also of great natural wealth which all the internal strife could hardly have dissipated. Her millions of people need much that Britain can supply them with and, contrariwise, Britain has need of the raw products with which to feed her industrial machinery. From the economic and commercial standpoint there is nothing but what is good to be said for the pact just made. It is from the political side that one might be forgiven a doubt, though that side of the question has been very thoroughly thrashed out. In a comment yesterday we ventured the opinion that the Soviet regime in Russia would not stand the test of time, and that opinion was based on the knowledge of an unbiased critic (not British, by the way) who has had first-hand experience of the conditions under which the semblance of ordered government is maintained. There, again, time is the only test that will reveal the true state of affairs, though the present revolution, the import of which the Russian Trade Delegation is so eager to minimise, can be taken as an index of non-unanimity. The Soviet has undertaken to refrain from hostile action and propaganda—in fact both parties have agreed to a political truce—and it may be on the strength of that that the British authorities see no danger in the agreement. But whether Britain has concluded an agreement with a government that will stand the test of its own people is a matter on which we have considerable doubt.

Be that as it may, there is room to welcome the agreement. International commerce (and on that largely depends the industrial happiness of most peoples) has been all too sluggish of late. Too many channels of trade intercourse have been closed, too much distrust and uncertainty has been abroad. To have re-opened the potential field of Russia to British commercial interests is to have relieved the pressure of trade inertia. And to have done that is to have done something worth the doing. Revision, in the light of changed conditions in Russia itself, might be necessary in the future, but if that revision is necessary it will be in co-operation with a regime with which British political ideals will be in much closer sympathy.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

More German Evasion.

The cable intimates that Germany is adopting the same evasive tactics in relation to the charge for the army of occupation as she pursued over the question of reparations. By this time the Allies have grown a little tired of Fritz's manoeuvres, and a peremptory Note has been despatched to Berlin. Contrition is still so far from the hearts of German statesmen that their whole policy is directed towards hampering and not towards helping the Allied representatives in their task. An honest attempt to assist would be at this juncture much appreciated, and could hardly fail to be to Germany's advantage as well as to ours. There is every reason to believe that Germany's present and prospective capacity to pay is much greater than had been at one time expected. Her recovery has been substantial; she had no invader on her soil to destroy as she destroyed in Belgium and France; the energy and perseverance of her citizens are to all appearances preparing the way for a great industrial revival; in short, she is not the bankrupt concern that she would have us believe. That being so, the Allies were amply justified in rejecting Dr. von Simons' "ludicrously inadequate" suggestion. There is considerable likelihood that Germany will prosper in the future—as it is in our interest that she should—and we must duly share in the fruits of that prosperity. Such is the argument of France, in any reasonable interpretation of which she is entitled to the undivided support of her Allies.

A Far-East Celebrity.

For some time Sir Ernest Satow has been engaged on his memoirs, and it is now announced that his book has been published under the title of "A Diplomat in Japan." Sir Ernest's record of his life in Japan should prove very interesting. The retired diplomat was born in 1843 and entered the Japan Consular Service in 1861, arriving in Japan two years after the country had been opened to foreign residence. For more than twenty years after he watched with observant eyes the process of the transition of Japan from feudalism to the modern industrial State. A fine Japanese scholar, he recorded in the Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan the result of his historical, philosophic, and literary investigations, and he compiled, in collaboration, an English-Japanese Dictionary. From the Consular Service he passed to the Diplomatic, being appointed Minister Resident at Bangkok in 1885, and at Monte Video in 1898, while he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Morocco in 1895. Thence he was transferred to Tokyo in 1895, and witnessed the recovery by Japan of full fiscal and judicial autonomy in 1899. He was appointed British Minister to Peking in 1900, remaining in China for six years, and then retiring. His account of his experiences will be of uncommon value. Having witnessed the transition from Old to New Japan, and, being master of the art of narrative, Sir Ernest's memoirs are likely to rank high in autobiographic literature. Apart from his Far Eastern experiences, the ex-diplomatist has written upon Frederic the Great, and is the author of "A Guide to Diplomatic Practice."

A Queer Request.

It is noted somewhere in Mr. Norton Kyshe's judicial history of the Colony that Chinese prisoners showed a partiality for gaol, presumably finding the quarters and victualling arrangements tolerably agreeable. Such episodes have been recorded in other countries. It is said that when the Parisians stormed the Bastille many of the victims of *lettres de cachet* showed no eagerness to quit their cells. This was probably due, though, to their having been reduced to a state of apathy bordering upon aberration, where insanity had not actually set in. In some cases the predilection for gaol appears to be positive. A few weeks ago a prisoner—not at all of the destitute class, to judge by the report—appealed to a Magistrate in the Old Country to give him a longer sentence. But a case at the Old Bailey is surely without precedent, the accused entreating the Bench to award him the "cat." The reader feels a suspicion, however, that the prisoner was enough of a lawyer to know that the penal code does not inflict corporal punishment for housebreaking if violence was not used.

DAY BY DAY.

OPPOSITION MAY INFLAME THE ENTHUSIAST, BUT NEVER CONVERTS HIM.—Schiller.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 5th March, amounted to 78,532 tons and the sales during the period, to 83,321 tons.

Two robbers waylaid the pantry boy of H.M.S. Carlisle on the road from Hunghom to Yaumati yesterday and relieved him of a sum of \$50. They bolted after having successfully effected this haul.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of cerebro-spinal fever (one fatal), one fatal occurrence of small-pox and one non-fatal case of diphtheria. The last-named was British; the others Chinese.

Mr. H. C. Lee, who has hitherto been engaged with the late Mr. J. H. Gardiner, has now severed his connection with the firm and has commenced practice for himself. Mr. Lee was enrolled here last September.

To-morrow's picture page will contain illustrations of the landing of the Japanese Admiral in Hongkong last week; a snapshot of the Crown Prince of Japan near Lake Chuzenji; a portrait of the late Mr. E. J. Noronha; two pictures taken at the Polo Club's gymkhana; and a group of the Harbour Office staff taken on the occasion of the recent presentation to Mr. McIver.

Advices have been received at the local office of the Pacific Steamship Company of the forthcoming arrival here of the first of the fleet of United States Shipping Board liners allocated to the Company for operation between Hongkong and San Francisco. The Golden State is due to arrive here on the 21st of April. She is a standard vessel of 21,167 tons displacement, 12,600 tons deadweight, has a length of 535 feet, and maintains an average speed of 17-1/2 knots. Bookings for berths on this vessel are now open at the local office.

An Indian and three Chinese schoolboys were this morning charged with the larceny of a bicycle from a shop at Tsai Tsui. It appears that the Indian boy engaged the bicycle from the shop and spirited it away to Hongkong, where he and his associates sold it for \$10 at a shop in Caine Road. This took place last week, but the boys were not detected until a casual discovery by a constable of an attempt to sell the lamp to a shop at Lascar Row resulted in the arrest of the four culprits. Questioned by the Magistrate, they all blamed each other, and as the result were all sentenced to be soundly whipped.

The Mission being conducted by Father Lynch continues to draw large congregations to the Catholic Cathedral. This evening there is to be a rather unique service, when Father Lynch will give the Stations of the Cross and deliver fourteen sermonettes on the Passion of Christ. Some years ago, Father Lynch, when in Jerusalem, took part on two occasions in this observance. For 600 years the Franciscans have been allowed by the Turkish authorities to make the Way of the Cross through the streets every Friday, and on Good Friday a sermonette is preached at each station marking a spot attached to some particular phase of the Passion. This it is that Father Lynch will reproduce at this evening's service.

The local Printers' Guild, following the decision they have come to in Canton, are now pressing the local Chinese printers' shops for an eight-hour day for their members in place of the eleven-hour day hitherto obtaining in these establishments. The dispute has been referred to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for arbitration, but the matter is still in abeyance owing to the reluctance of the employers to fall in with the men's demands, which they regard as inconsistent. Information received to-day indicates that a strike is impending. The employees of a number of shops actually left work after their masters had failed to give a pledge that is regarded as necessary for future negotiations.

THE BOOKSHELF.

(By "Librarian.")

A PEASANT POET.

In the last two or three weeks attention has been directed to volumes of a political character. This week we will consider a piece of pure literature in the shape of Mr. Edmund Blunden's *Life of John Clare*, the peasant poet of Northampton. The biography makes its appearance apropos of Clare's centenary. It may be remarked that the present year is rich in centenaries. Among these are two poets whose respective careers, with their aftermaths, have been widely different. One of these is Keats, neglected in his brief lifetime; 'now recognised as among the brightest stars of the firmament. The other is John Clare, who enjoyed a wide vogue on his appearance, only to fall into an obscurity from which the merit of his work should have preserved his memory.

The peasant poet was no mere chance rhymist of the kind that every now and then emerges from some unexpected quarter, flourishes for a season, and is then forgotten or recalled only as a freak; this humble votary of Parnassus was endowed with "the vision and the faculty divine."

Mr. Blunden has written a fascinating account of Clare's life, and has prefaced it to a selection of Clare's poems. It is a story as melancholy as that of Burns. Poverty, a large, dependent family, intemperance in later life, and madness all figure in it. His journey home on foot from the asylum in 1841 makes a background against which we read his verse with a doubly poignant interest.

The first night, he says, "I lay down with my head towards the north, to show myself the steering-point in the morning." On "the third day I satisfied my hunger by eating the grass on the roadside, which seemed to taste something like bread. I was hungry and eat heartily till I was satisfied; in fact, the meal seemed to do me good." And "there was little to notice, for the road very often looked as stupid as myself." At last between Peterborough and Helpston "a cart met me, with a man, a woman and a boy in it. When nearing me the woman jumped out, and caught fast hold of my hands and wished me to get into cart. But I refused; I thought her either drunk or mad. But when I was told it was my second wife, Patty, I got in, and was soon at Northborough."

He lingered on in various stages of madness till 1864. Some of the most moving poems in the present book fall under the heading of "Asylum Poems."

Clare was, perhaps, the closest observer of bird life who had appeared till his time in English verse. He enjoyed observing things almost more like a naturalist than an imaginative man. In a good sense he was as realistic about animals as Crabbe was about people.

At the same time, like Mr. W. H. Davies, the itinerant poet of our day, he could touch realism with emotion, as in his address to solitude:

Sweet solitude, what joy to be alone—
In wild, wood-shady dell to stay for hours.

Twoold soften hearts if they were hard as stone
To see glad butterflies and smiling flowers.

'Tis pleasant in these quiet lonely places,
Where not the voice of man our pleasure mars.

To see the little bees with coal black faces
Gathering sweets from little flowers like stars.

In the same poem in which this verse occurs we have a strikingly real description of a changing sky on an April evening:—

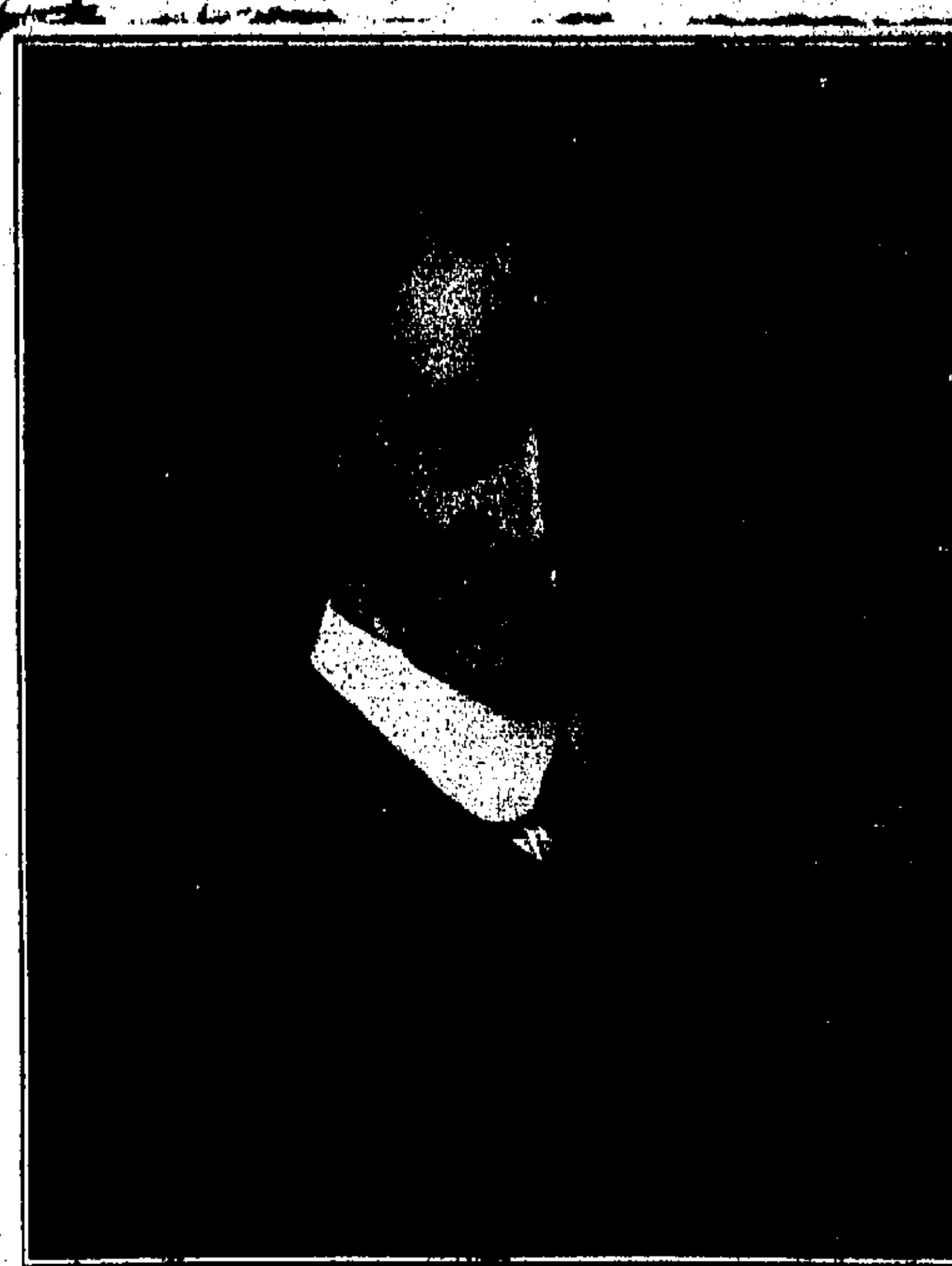
The sunshine's gone, and now an April evening
Commences with a dim and mackerel sky.

Gold light and woolpacks in the west are leaving,
And leaden streaks their splendid place supply.

Sheep on tintment seems to daub the deadened sky,
And night shuts up the light-someness of day.

All dark and absent as a corpse's eye,
Flower, tree, and bush, like all the shadows grey.

In leaden hues of desolation fade away.
We find the whole of Clare's poetic creed stated in "The Flitting," in which he mourns over his departure from his old house:



MR. BONAR LAW,
whose resignation from the Cabinet is announced in to-day's telegrams.

I love the muse who sits her down
Upon the molehill's little lap,
Who feels no fear to stain her gown
And pauses by the hedge-crow gap;
Not with that affectation, praise
Of song, to sing and never see
A field flower grown in all her days
Or een a forest's aged tree.
Een here my simple feelings nurse
A love for every simple weed,
And een this little shepherd's purse
Grieves me to cut it up;
I feel at times a love and joy
For every weed and every thing,
A feeling kindred from a boy,
A feeling brought with Spring.

The interest which the occasion has reawakened in the peasant poet's works should gain for them something more than the transient interest attaching to the celebration of centenaries.

In "The New Japanese Peril" London: Geo. Allen and Unwin Ltd.; 10s. 6d.) Mr. Sidney Osborne shows himself to have been a diligent observer of events in the Far East. His main thesis is that Japan took advantage of the Powers' pre-occupation to establish a Japanese hegemony over China, and he is apprehensive that the result may be a China developed under Japanese tutelage and domination followed by an advance upon Europe by a mammoth Mongolian horde under some modern Attila or Ghenghiz Khan. This is hardly new. Probably Mr. Osborne is referring to the later developments of Japanese policy, notably the Twenty-One Demands, which, however, he admits have been partly upset through the sudden termination of the war leaving the Powers free to protect their interests out here. The subject, of course, lands us right in the throes of the Far Eastern problem, upon which not columns, but volumes could be, have been, and doubtless will be spent.

Within the compass of a single volume of moderate dimensions Mr. Osborne gives us a succinct analysis of Japanese operations, political and commercial, on the mainland. One's first impression is that he lays all the emphasis upon one side—to which he would probably reply that, as the title denotes, he is dealing with the question from a particular aspect.

Be Japan's motives as Machiavellian as the author represents them to be, the sequel is hardly likely to follow the matter-of-course lines that he adumbrates. The resistance which Japan is experiencing both from China and from the Western Powers is making itself felt, witness the abrogation of the Sino-Japanese military pact, the announcement in the Diet that Siberia is to be evacuated (though, admittedly, no date is given), the proposed consideration of the Shantung question, and Baron Hayashi's affirmation of the Open Door with the repudiation of "special rights."

If taxed with over-stressing

the peril, Mr. Osborne might rejoice that he has put the case at its highest to emphasise the danger in time. He advocates the suppression of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty by an Anglo-American-German-Russian alliance to ensure equal opportunity in China, all the parties to relinquish such privileges as extra-territoriality and similar concessions as a token of their goodwill to the new Republic. This carries us into the whole field of *weltpolitik*, but manifestly does not enter the range of practical politics just now, whatever may be said for it as a general proposition. In allusion to the sinister element in Japanese politics which Mr. Osborne sees in the militarist clique and the Genro, he scarcely makes sufficient allowance for the growing force of public opinion in that country, which is becoming very outspoken, both in the Press and among the general public, on the matter of armaments. Whether one invariably adopts the author's conclusions or no, the concise and lucid material assembled in the volume renders it distinctly serviceable to the political student.

LOCAL HOTEL DISPUTE.

Trouble with the Fish Guild.

A difference has arisen between the local Hotel Guild and the Fish Dealers' Guild, with the result that the former has asked the Eating House Guild to join in a boycott of the latter. For the past two days all eating houses have displayed notices saying that fish is not supplied.

It appears that the trouble arises from the fact that the fish dealers have jointly refused to refund to the hotels the customary percentage on the price paid for the cost of the fish at the end of every month. This sum is usually reserved for the firing of crackers on New Year's day by the hotels. It is hoped that the dispute will be settled soon.

LOCAL BOXING.

Arrangements for Next Week's Bouts.

In connection with the boxing tournament at the Ming Yuen Gardens on Thursday next, we are asked to state that for the convenience of patrons attending the tournament who may wish to leave before the end, the main event of the evening, namely the championship contest between "Sky" Kerrison and Seaman Codlings, will take place immediately after the interval and not at the end of the tournament, as has been previously the custom.

The public will also be interested to learn that the seating accommodation has been rearranged and all the seats numbered, so that those booking will be sure of getting their correct seats as per plan at Montreux. The Hongkong Tramway Company is to run special trams from the Post Office to the Ming Yuen Gardens, which will be illuminated with 2,400 lights, lighting of 3,000 candle-power being provided directly over the ring.

We are also asked to state that it has not yet been definitely decided whether the tournament shall be a "benefit" for Kerrison, the matter still being under consideration.

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FOOTBALL

Meeting of the Association.

A meeting of the H.K.F.A. was held at Victoria Barracks on Wednesday evening when Mr. R. J. Wilton presided over a representative gathering.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. Ralston) informed the meeting that he had received several reports from referees of teams failing to appear on the ground on dates appointed.

The Chairman reminded Secretaries of Clubs that such teams were liable to a fine of five dollars for failing to turn out.

PLAYERS' TRANSFERS.

Bath, of the Oilers United, applied for transfer to the Ambrose team. It was brought to notice at the meeting that Bath belonged to H.M.S. Ambrose but had been playing for the Oilers during the season without permission of the League management.

The application was refused and the secretary instructed to write to the Oilers to enquire why Bath played for them without permission.

It was also pointed out that Williams of the Ambrose had been playing for the Oilers and this club was called upon to report also on this man as no permission had been given for him to play for the club.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

It was decided to present the League cup and medals to the Wiltshires on Easter Monday, March 28th, following a match between winners versus the Rest of the League, to be played on the club ground at 4.30 p.m.

A Committee was elected to choose the team to represent the Rest.

MISCONDUCT OF PLAYERS.

The report of the referee (Mr. Leaf) appointed to the Kowloon v. S.C.A. match on the Club ground on March 5th, was read. It stated that he had occasion to turn a player of each side off the field for fighting during the game and that he stopped the game two minutes before time as one of the players did not leave the field when ordered to do so.

The representatives of Kowloon regretted the occurrence on behalf of their player and pointed out that Mr. Mair lost his temper on seeing the Chinese player strike Mr. Weyman.

The meeting upheld the action of the referee and decided to suspend Mr. Mair (Kowloon) and Wong Pak cheung (S.C.A.) for the season and to fine each five dollars, the match to stand.

The meeting also had before them the report of the referee (Mr. Drayton) appointed to the Indians v. S.C.A. Reserves match on St. Joseph's ground the same day.

The referee stated that he had occasion to abandon the match after twenty-five minutes' play owing to two of the players fighting and the spectators rushing on to the field. The Indians were leading by 4 goals to nil.

The representative of the Indians Recreation Club failed to appear. Mr. Ip Kau, speaking on behalf of the S.C.A., said that his association had at the commencement of the Football season sent out circulars, printed in Chinese, to the members of the Association requesting them to control themselves at the matches on the Valley. The meeting were of the opinion that the management of the Indian Recreation Club and the S.C.A. should distribute circulars among their supporters stating that in the event of a repetition of the fracas which occurred on March 5th the H.K.F.A. Association would consider it their duty to prevent their teams from taking any further part in football contests in the colony.

The meeting decided that the player on each side who commenced the fight, should be suspended for the season and that the match be abandoned to prevent these teams meeting again this season.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Handicap Singles "B."—J. H. R. Freeborn v. Lt. C. H. Larkcom. Mixed Doubles Handicap—Major C. Willson and Mrs. Bowen v. Lt. Col. F. J. Bowen and Miss V. Bowen.

Handicap Singles "A."—Major Crook and Mrs. Crook v. Capt. C. S. Fisher and Mrs. Hamilton Berners. W. H. Drummond and Mrs. Drummond v. G. W. Sewell and Mrs. C. B. Brown.

MONDAY.
Open Championship Doubles.—E. M. Henderson and R. C. Cronio v. Comdr. A. E. Johnston and Lt. Surg. Lt. H. Morrison; J. B. Penman and A. D. Humphreys v. Major C. Willson and L. Forster.

Handicap Singles "A."—Major H. M. Edwards v. A. B. Raworth; U. C. Stark v. Capt. P. H. Davies.

Club Championship.—Capt. C. O. Olliver v. Lt. Nelson. Handicap Doubles.—E. A. G. May and G. M. Dodwell v. Major C. Willson and Lt. Col. F. J. Bowen; R. M. Henderson and J. H. R. Freeborn v. J. B. Penman and A. D. Humphreys; D. M. Larkins and W. B. Cornaby v. F. A. Dinsdale and C. C. Stark.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—A. H. Crook and Mrs. Crook v. Capt. C. S. Fisher and Mrs. Hamilton Berners. W. H. Drummond and Mrs. Drummond v. G. W. Sewell and Mrs. C. B. Brown.

Handicap Singles "B."—R. K. Valentine (owes 4/6) beat E. A. G. May (sec.), 8-0, 6-2, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Lt. Nicholson and Mrs. Gompertz (rec. 10) beat C. C. Stark and Mrs. Stark (rec. 5/8), 11-0, 5-7, 6-8.

ro-day.
Open Championship Singles.—Ng Sze-kwong v. W. E. Crocker; L. Forster v. K. Yamazaki.

Club Championship.—Major C. Willson v. E. G. Grimble; Major H. M. Edwards v. H. W. Bassoon; Capt. J. E. Davies v. G. M. Dodwell; A. D. Humphreys v. D. J. Valentine; A. B. Raworth v. G. M. Makin.

Handicap Doubles.—T. H. King and C. Blaker v. Capt. C. S. Fisher and Lt. A. S. Lindsell.

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FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Programme.

The following is the programme arranged for to-morrow:—
SHIELD:—SEMI FINAL.
Wiltshires v. R.G.A.—Club ground, 4.30 p.m.

DIVISION I.
H.K. Club v. H.M.S. Ambrose.—Club ground, 3 p.m.
Kowloon v. H.M.S. Titania.—Navy "A" ground, 4.30 p.m.
S.C.A. v. H.K. Police.—S.C.A. ground, 4.30 p.m.

DIVISION II.
United v. St. Joseph's College.—S.C.A. ground, 3 p.m.
Staffs v. Punjabis.—Sookunpoo ground, 4.30 p.m.
H.M.S. Carlisle v. Oilers.—Navy "A" ground, 3 p.m.
Kowloon Res v. S.C.A. Res.—Navy "B" ground, 3 p.m.

The Shield match on the Club ground will attract a large crowd where a very even game is expected between the two military teams who are winners and runners-up respectively in the Hongkong League, the Wiltshires finishing one point above the R.G.A. These teams have met three times this season and each claim a win, the other game ending in a draw of one all.

Since the last meeting between these teams the Wiltshires have lost some of their players, while the R.G.A. have made a few changes in their team. The Wiltshires will start the game slightly favourites, but it is expected that the R.G.A. will be all out to meet the Titania in the final of the Competition.

Before the Shield match the Club receive the Ambrose on the Club ground in their return match. The last game between these teams ended in a victory for the club by the large margin of seven goals to nil. The sailors on that occasion fielded a weak side, but a representative team is expected to turn out for this, and a good game should be seen.

The Kowloon men receive the Titania on the Navy "A" ground, and although it is expected that the sailors will win, Kowloon can spring surprises on the best of sides and the unexpected may happen to-morrow in this match.

The S. C. A. receive the Police on the S. C. A. ground in their postponed League match. The match was down for February 19th, but had to be postponed on account of the S. C. A. being engaged in the first round of the Shield Competition. The Police are hard pressed just now as they have still some of their men on the injured list. The game should end in a win for the S. C. A.

In the Junior Division, St. Joseph's return after an absence of six weeks, their last League match being played on February 9th. They meet the United on the S.C.A. ground and now that they have no further interest in the Shield Competition they will set about to secure their position at the head of the division.

A good game should be seen on the Navy "B" ground between the Kowloon and S. C. A. second teams. The men from across the harbour should win if they field a full side. In their last two games have turned out with only nine men.

The Staffs should win against the Punjabis at Sookunpoo, while

the match Carlisle v. Oilers should end in a draw.

The 1st Division table now reads:—

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | For | Ag. | Pts. |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| Wiltshires | 16 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 15 | 25 |
| R. G. A. | 16 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 31 | 16 | 24 |
| H. K. Club | 15 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 22 | 13 | 16 |
| Tamar | 15 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 19 | 15 |
| S. C. A. | 14 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 14 |
| Kowloon | 15 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 17 | 19 | 13 |
| Titania | 11 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 19 | 15 | 11 |
| H. K. Police | 14 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 25 | 7 |
| Ambrose | 12 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 10 | 32 | 3 |

TEAMS.
The following will represent the Club against the Ambrose:—G. Rodger; W. Gerrard, J. Lawrence; M. L. McPhail, J. B. Hamilton, J. Boz, M. Sandberg, R. S. Logan, L. Goldenberg.
The following will represent the United:—Beach; Leonard, Urquhart; Simmons, Laing, Baker; Kent Brown, May, Blake, Chubb.

The following will represent the Club second XI against the Carlisle:—Groot; Boysen, Ralston; Jack, Stutz, Sornensen; Hast Watson, Sherry, Railton, Raat. Players are requested to turn out at 2.45 p.m.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

Yesterday's Athletic Meeting.

On the Queen's College ground at Causeway Bay, the Hongkong District Schools yesterday held their third annual athletic sports, the whole day being devoted to the gathering. The schools taking part were Ellis Kadoorie, Saiyungpun, Yaumati, Wanchia and Praya East. Some keen contests were witnessed, and the Sir Ellis Kadoorie Challenge Shield for the highest number of points went to Saiyungpun School, whilst Mok Tai-cheuk won the trophy for the individual competitor with highest number of points. At the close, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. E. A. Irving. The events confined to schools resulted as follows:—

Tug-of-War.—1, Saiyungpun School; 2, Ellis Kadoorie School. Team Race (Senior).—1, Wanchai School; 2, Saiyungpun School; 3, Ellis Kadoorie School. Team Race (Junior).—1, Wanchai School; 2, Ellis Kadoorie School; 3, Saiyungpun School.

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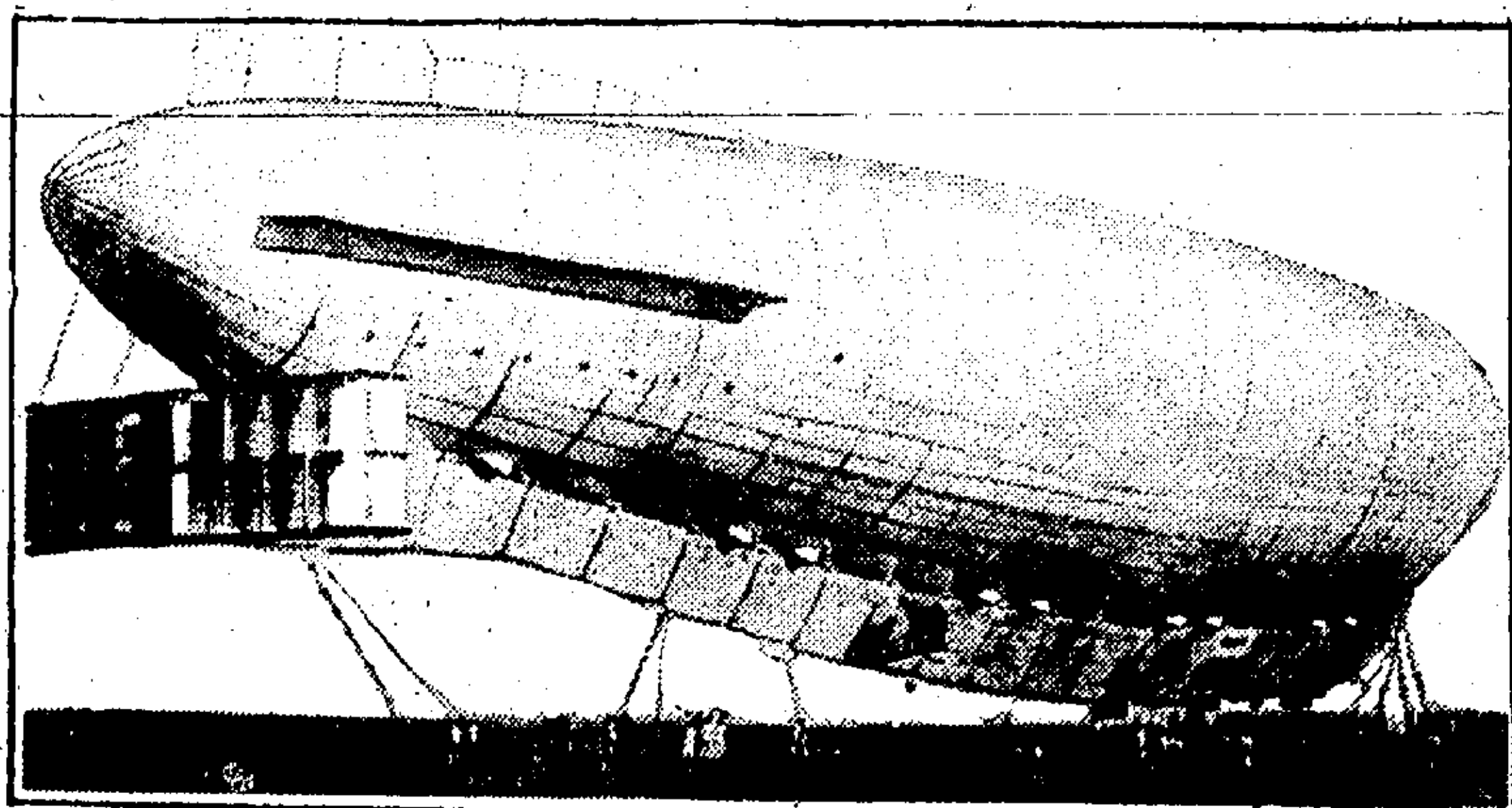
FATHER DOMINIC.

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RECEIVES CHINESE MINISTER.

President Obregon of Mexico (right) is seen receiving the Chinese Minister at the National Palace.



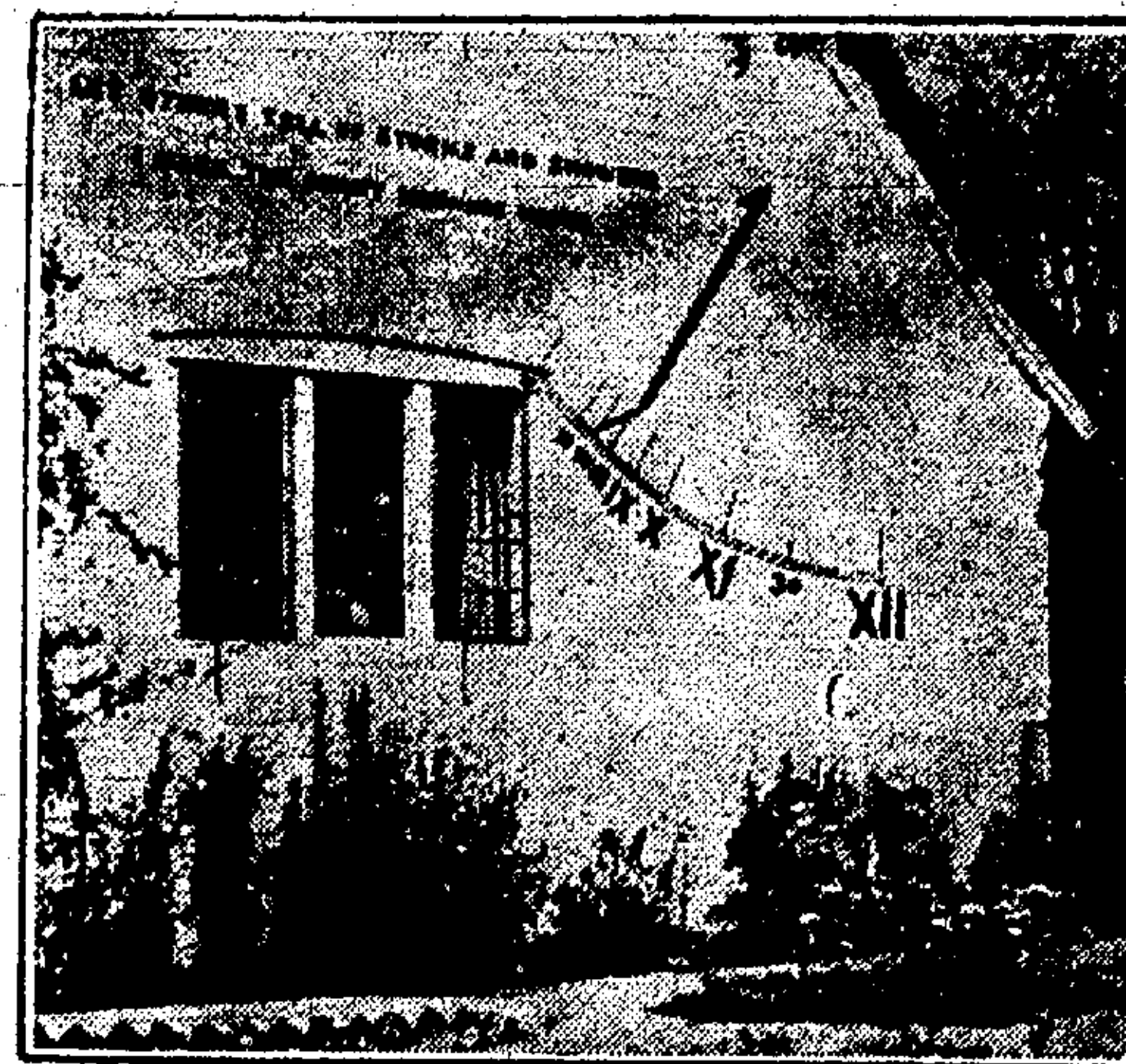
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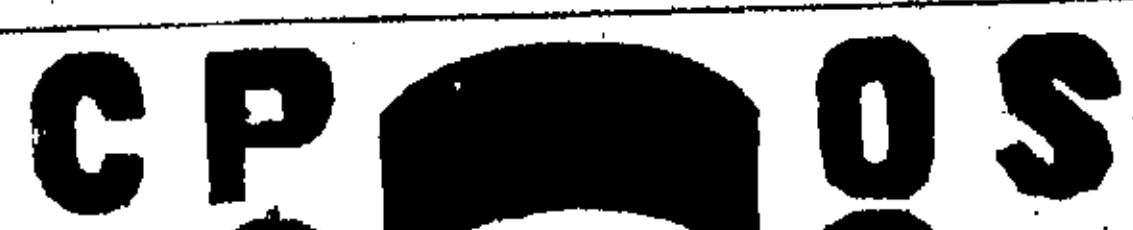
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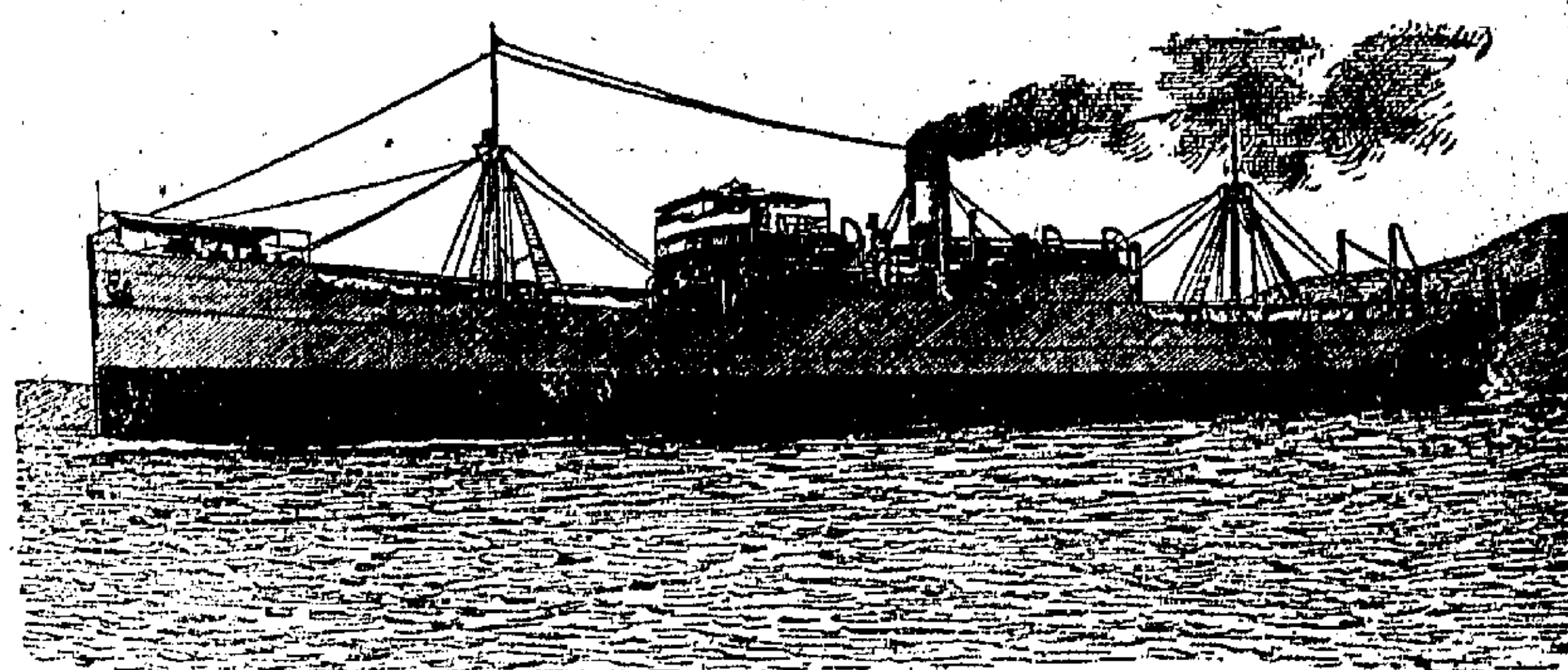
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| Vessel | Due Hongkong |
|------------------|--------------|
| "CARNARVONSHIRE" | 17th March. |
| "PEMBROKESHIRE" | 22nd March. |
| "GLENIFFER" | 12th April. |
| "GLENVYLE" | 28th April. |

HOMEWARDS.

| Vessel | Leaves Hongkong | Discharges |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| "GLENARIFFE" | 30th Mar. | GENOA, LONDON & ROTTERDAM. |

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| Destination | Steamer | Sailing |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| TIENTSIN | Cheongshing | Sat., 19th Mar. at 9 a.m. |
| KOBE via Shanghai | Hamsang | Sun., 20th Mar. at d'light. |
| SHANGHAI via Swatow | Kwongsang | Sun., 20th Mar. at d'light. |
| BANGKOK via Swatow | Kwongsang | Tues., 22nd Mar. at d'light. |
| STRATTS & Calcutta | Laisang | Tues., 22nd Mar. at 3 p.m. |
| HAIPHONG via Hoihow | Teonao | Wed., 23rd Mar. at 9 a.m. |
| SHANGHAI & Tsingtau | Choysang | Thur., 24th Mar. at d'light. |
| SANDAKAN | Hinsang | Sat., 26th Mar. at noon. |

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| For | Steamers | To Sail |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| SHANGHAI | Soochow | 19th Mar. at noon. |
| SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO | Chenan | 19th Mar. at noon. |
| TIENTSIN | Ningpo | 22nd Mar. at d'light. |
| SWATOW & BANGKOK | Chusan | 22nd Mar. at 10 a.m. |
| AMOI, SHAI & PUKOW | S'kong | 22nd Mar. at noon. |
| SHANGHAI | Teau | 23rd Mar. at noon. |
| SHANGHAI | Sunning | 24th Mar. at noon. |

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| Steamships | Captain | Leaving |
|------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Hailong | W. Couper | FRI., 18th Mar. at noon. |
| Hainong | W. C. Passmore | FRI., 25th Mar. at noon. |

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMO M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 19th Feb. and is expected here on the 30th March.

The B. L. s.s. ALLOWAY, is due to arrive here from New York on or about March 20th.

The A. L. s.s. LAKEONAWA, is due to arrive here from Saigon on or about March 25th.

The T. K. K. s.s. TENYO M. arrived at Yokohama on the 9th instant and sails 11th instant, being due at Hongkong on the 20th instant.

The s.s. ANTILOCHUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 4th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 24th inst.

The N. Y. Y. s.s. HEIJIN M. (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 11th March and is expected here on the 19th Mar.

The s.s. EGREMONT CASTLE, from New York arrived at Shanghai on the afternoon of the 11th and is expected to arrive here on or about 19th inst.

The A. L. s.s. CADARETTA, is due to arrive here from Saigon on or about April 5th.

The A. L. s.s. CROSSKEYS, is due to arrive here from Seattle Wash. on or about April 6th.

The A. L. s.s. COAXET is due to arrive here from Portland Ore on or about April 5th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMAKURA M. (Liverpool Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez, on the 26th February, and is expected here on the 10th April.

The s.s. PYRRHUS, (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 9th inst., for Hongkong and is due here on 1st April.

The Barber Line s.s. BOWES CASTLE, left New York on Mar. 8th for Hongkong via Ports and is expected to arrive here about 12th May. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Agents.

The N. Y. K. s.s. IYO MARU, (European Line) left London for this port via Suez, on the 5th March and is expected here on the 14th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NAGATO M. (Hamburg Line) left Singapore for this port on the 15th March and is expected here on the 22nd Mar.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN arrived at Shanghai on 14th March 1.30 p.m. left there 15th March 10 a.m. is due at Hongkong on 17th March 3 p.m.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on the 10th March, and is due at Yokohama on or about the 22nd Mar.

The s.s. ELPENOR, (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on 14th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 21st inst.

The China Mail s.s. Co. is in receipt of a telegram from our Shanghai Agency advising that the s.s. NANKING sailed from that port on Thursday, March 17th, and she may be expected to arrive at this port on Sunday, March 20th at 2 p.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. MURORAN MARU (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 16th March and is expected here on the 23rd March.

The Ben Line s.s. BENAVON from Leith Middlebro' & London left Singapore for this port on 17th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on 24th inst.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying here:—

Augustus from Shanghai.

Jardine & Co. from Shanghai.

Radeoff Russian Opera Theatre.

Fedoroff, from Vladivostok.

Iwata, Passenger Samaran.

Maru c/o Dodwell, from Tokyo.

Eita o Saika c/o Imafuma Co., from Tokushima.

Manwooleung, from Osaka.

Yeeling Hotel c/o Changmow-ching, from Shanghai.

Liangsuekai c/o Compradore, Russian Bank, from Shanghai.

Hongkamseng Shunghengshu, from Amoy.

Yuenbing, from Shanghai.

Chan Leung Chow c/o Heung-shan, Kinsheung Club Pottinger Street, from Shanghai.

Telephone Office (2) (Adm. Office), from Peking.

Hongkong, from Shanghai.

358, from Shanghai.

Kaidah, from Amoy.

Meowahing, from Shanghai.

Enghong, from Amoy.

TH. KEING.

Superintendent.

EARL HAIG'S FUND.

Last Night's Successful Dance.

Hongkong's only effort on behalf of Earl Haig's Fund for Ex-Servicemen was one that was attended with unqualified success, thanks to the untiring energy of its promoters, Mrs. Harry Woods and the Misses Eileen and Doris Woods. The organising of a dance on the scale that took place in the City Hall last night was a task that might have daunted less enthusiastic helpers in the cause of charity, but the ladies above-mentioned left nothing undone to ensure the pleasure of the 500 dancers who patronised the event.

The City Hall presented a really pleasing scene. Simple but effective decoration had been carried out and all the usual cloak room accommodation provided. Both the large halls were used for dancing, the ante rooms being used for the serving of refreshments, whilst the verandahs had been converted into sitting-out places. Dancing began promptly at 9.15 and was carried on with zest until 2 a.m., special late cars and ferries having been arranged for. The gathering was patronised by His Excellency the Governor and many local prominent people, including H. E. the G.O.C., Sir George Kirkpatrick.

Music was supplied by the Hongkong Hotel Orchestra, assisted by Mrs. Woods herself at the piano—a Chickering grand kindly lent by Messrs. Anderson and Co. A feature of the orchestra arrangements was the raised platform used, making the music distinctly heard throughout both the halls. During the evening the Misses Woods added to the general pleasure by singing some of the latest American songs, for which they were given an enthusiastic reception. In addition, they helped to make many of the dances novel by singing the words for which the tunes were written, and for this also they had to respond to a great many encores. The whole evening went with a delightful swing, thanks to their tireless energy. The floors were in fine condition and everything combined to make the dance one of the most enjoyable that has ever been held in the Colony. Proof of this is to be found in the fact that dancing was kept up to a much later hour than was anticipated, and that even then there were demands for more.

Special mention should be made of the fact that half-way through the programme the Company, led by the Misses Woods, sang Paul Robeson's famous patriotic song "England." The song was sung in honour of Field Marshal Earl Haig, and it served to remind those present of the deserving cause for which the event had been organised.

The catering was in the capable hands of the Hongkong Hotel staff, and thanks are due to Mr. J. H. Taggart for his generosity in this connection. In addition to those who have been already mentioned it is desired to express thanks to the Naval authorities for flags and assistance in the decorations, to the Electric Company, Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte, Caldwell Macgregor, Gande Price, Lane, Crawford and Company, the Dairy Farm, Wiseman's, Alexandra Cafe, Watson and Co., Humphreys and Co., Komor and Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, who all generously contributed by gifts in kind to keep the expenditure down. The Forestry Department lent many plants and several people gave donations of money, cakes, etc. Garrison Sergeant Major Westlake and Staff Sergeant Gillard provided a band of willing helpers at the doors. And Mr. Sims, who acted as the Jazz Drummer, should not be overlooked. To one and all hearty thanks are expressed.

Mrs. Woods and the Misses Woods were all the recipients of beautiful floral baskets from appreciative supporters, and at the conclusion of the dancing rousing cheers were given for them. There was no mistaking the keenness of the appreciation.

A successful whist drive was held at the Catholic Men's Club on Thursday evening. There was a good attendance. The following were the prize winners—Ladies:—Mrs. Alderman (180); 2. Mrs. Reynolds (170); 3. Mrs. Cheesley (168); Booby Prize: Miss Hill (141). Gents:—1. Mr. Holdman (190); 2. Mr. Big (176); 3. Mr. Hughes (175); 4. Mr. Galvin; Booby Prize: Mr. Morgan (132). Mr. Pinches acted as M.C., and the prizes were presented by Mr. R. W. Brogan.

POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

Shanghai—Per SINKIANG, 18th Mar.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Newspapers London 17th Feb.)—Per INABA M., 18th Mar.
Straits & Calcutta—Per HEIJIN M., 19th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai—Per TENYU M., 19th Mar.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai—Per NANKING, 20th Mar.
Shanghai—Per SUNNING, 21st Mar.
Shanghai—Per TEAN, 21st Mar.
Straits—Per NAGATA M., 22nd Mar.
Straits—Per TORILLA, 23rd Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

To-morrow.

Haihow Pakhoi & Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 8 a.m.
Town—Per KWAI WAH, 5 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China—Per LAKE GILPEN, 11 a.m.
Saigon—Per TELEMACHUS, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, N. China & Japan—Per NAMSANG, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & N. China—Per KWONGSANG, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and N. China—Per SOOCHOW, 1 p.m.
Tien Tsin—Per CHONGSHING, 8 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China & Japan—Per INABA M., 9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Dairen, Japan Honolulu, Canada, United States, C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—Per SIBERIA M., Reg. 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Sunday, 20th Mar.

Shanghai & N. China—Per CHENAN, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung—Per KAIJO M., 9 a.m.

Monday 21st Mar.

Japan—Per TJITAROEM, 11 a.m.
Saigon, "Straits," "Bangkok," Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per GUELMANE, 11 a.m.
Swatow—Per HYDRANGEA, 3.30 p.m.
Tientsin—Per NINGPO, 5 p.m.
Swatow & Bangkok—Per KWONG ENG, 5 p.m.
Swatow, "Straits" and "Bangkok"—Per LINAN, 11 a.m.
Philippine Island, Sandakan, Australia, & New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per TAIYUAN, Reg. 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd Mar.

Swatow, "Straits" & "Bangkok"—Per LINAN, 9 a.m.
Philippine Is.—Per NANKING, 11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta & Aden—Per LAI SANG, 2 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHUSAN, 9 a.m.
Amoy, "Shanghai" & "N. China"—Per SINKIANG, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, 23rd Mar.

Shanghai & North China, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—Per COLOMBIA, Reg. 22nd 5 p.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China—Per TEAN, 11 a.m.
Shanghai & North China—Per CHOY SANG, 5 p.m.
Hc'w, and Haiphong—Per TEO PAO, 8 a.m.

Thursday, 24th Mar.

Shanghai & N. China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

Friday, 25th Mar.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 11 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China—Per WHANG PU, 11 a.m.
Straits, "Bangkok," Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via D. Anushkodi, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—Per KASHMIR, Reg. 5 p.m. Letters 26th 8.30 a.m.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday 25th Mar. at noon.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's names only.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

The EMPRESS OF JAPAN arrived yesterday from Vancouver with 65 tons of cargo for Hongkong and 14 cabin passengers, and the Canadian mails.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

The s.s. WAM SANG came in yesterday from Calcutta with 1964 tons of cargo for Hongkong and 1,648 tons for the North. She had 710 deck passengers aboard and 110 bags of mails.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

The Glen Liner CARNARVONSHIRE arrived this morning from London with 285 tons and mails.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

The Portuguese transport PEDRO NUNES arrived yesterday from Lisbon and Macao with 400 tons for Hongkong.

The KIBI MARU from Bangkok consigned here 3,800 tons of rice.—Mooring B 9.

The MOTORO MARU brought yesterday from Bangkok 1470 tons of rice.—Mooring C 41.

WEATHER REPORT.

Mar. 18d. 11h. 53r.—Pressure has decreased slightly from Shanghai to Haiphong and at Guam. It is nearly stationary at other reporting stations.

There appears to be a depression over China.

The monsoon will be moderate to light over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 2.70 inches, against an average of 4.58 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

| District. | Forecast. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Variable winds, light to fine to cloudy, fog later. | |
| 1 Hongkong to Gap Rock | The same as No. 1. |
| 2 Formosa Channel | The same as No. 1. |
| 3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamcocks. | The same as No. 1. |
| 4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan. | The same as No. 1. |

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
H.K. Observatory, Mar. 18, 1921.

TIME SIGNALS.

The time ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. only.

The ball is hoisted half mast at the 55th minute and full mast at the 57th minute. Should the ball fail to drop at the correct time, it will be lowered at five minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at the following hour, if possible.

Should the time ball be out of order the above routine will be carried out with the flag "Z", on the storm signal mast.

Time signals are also given at night by means of three white lamps mounted vertically on the Observatory wireless mast. From 8h. 56m. 0s. to 0h. 0m. 0s. p.m. the lamps are extinguished momentarily at the even seconds, except at the 2nd, 28th, 50th, 32nd, and 54th of each minute.

The hours refer to Hongkong Standard Time (8 hours of east Greenwich).

METEOROLOGICAL.

| Previous Day | on date. | on date. |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| at 8 p.m. at 6 a.m. at 4 p.m. | | |
| Barometer | 29.95 | 29.98 |
| Temperature | 70 | 64 |
| Humidity | 78 | 89 |
| Wind Direction | E. | W. |
| Wind Force | 3 | 0 |
| Weather | b of c | |
| State | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| highest open air | | |
| Temperature on the 17th | 72 | |
| Lowest open air | | |
| Temperature on the 18th | 64 | |
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| H.K. Observatory, Mar. 18. | | |

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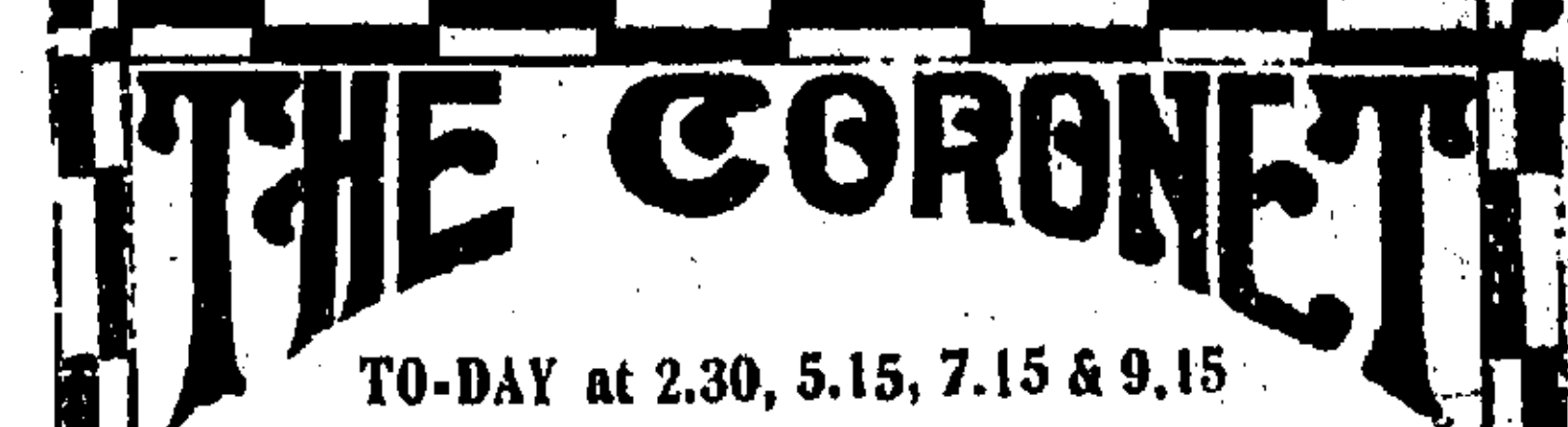
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TIDE TABLE.

14th to 20th March, 1921.

| Day | High Water | Low Water | Mean Time | Height | Low Water | Mean Time | Height |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Mon. 14 | 11 57 | 6 1 | 5 53 | 2.6 | 6 45 | 2.9 | 2.2 |
| Tues. 15 | 1 1 | 4 8 | 6 24 | 2.9 | 7 55 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Wed. 16 | 2 23 | 4 3 | 6 39 | 2.2 | 9 28 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Thur. 17 | 4 13 | 6 2 | 7 43 | 2.2 | 11 54 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Fri. 18 | 5 43 | 4 1 | 9 3 | 3.7 | 11 24 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Sat. 19 | 6 54 | 4 5 | 11 24 | 3.7 | 11 24 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Sun. 20 | 7 39 | 4 5 | 1 1 | 1.4 | 11 24 | 1.6 | 1.6 |

in morning, & afternoon

Miscellaneous.

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| Cement | n. | 13.06 |
| Do. Light old | b. | 9.85 |
| China Light new | b. | 9 |
| China Providents | b. | 12 1/2 |
| Dairy Farms | n. | 25 |
| Electric H. K. | b. | 23 |
| Electric Macao | n. | 30 |
| Hongkong Rope | b 24 1/2 sa. | 25 |
| Hk. Tramways | b. & sa. | 13 |
| Peak Trams, old | n. | 8.40 |
| Do. new | b. | 1 |
| Steam Laundries | n. | 16 |
| Steel Foundries | n. | 15 1/2 |
| Water-boats | b. | 7.60 |
| Watsons | b. | 20 |
| Wm. Powell | b. | 20 |
| Wiseman | b. | 40 |

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